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RESPONSE A

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 20, 2007, Applicants hereby
reply as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.